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S. 3594

To help protect the public against the threat of attacks targeting nuclear power plants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Nuclear Facili-
5 ties Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.—The term “nu-
9 clear power plant” means any civilian nuclear power
10 facility required to be licensed under section 103 or

1 104 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C.
2 2133, 2134(b)).

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

5 **SEC. 3. COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND MEDICAL TREAT-**
6 **MENT GRANTS.**

7 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
9 grants, on a competitive basis, for activities de-
10 scribed in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) to any State in which a nuclear power
12 plant is located; and

13 (B) to local governments, local law enforce-
14 ment agencies, local fire departments, and hos-
15 pitals that are located within 20 miles of a nu-
16 clear power plant.

17 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, local govern-
18 ment, local law enforcement agency, local fire de-
19 partment, or hospital shall use funds received under
20 paragraph (1)—

21 (A) to assist in purchasing or improving
22 communication systems to allow for real-time,
23 interoperable communication between State and
24 local first responders and nuclear power plant
25 representatives; or

1 (B) for expenditures that would improve
2 the ability of communities to facilitate evacu-
3 ations and provide medical treatment in the
4 event of an emergency at a nuclear power plant.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under sub-
6 section (a), a State, local government, local law enforce-
7 ment agency, local fire department, or hospital shall sub-
8 mit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
9 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
10 may require.

11 **SEC. 4. DESIGN BASIS THREAT.**

12 As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall pro-
14 mulgate regulations requiring all nuclear power plants to
15 comply with the design basis threat level under section
16 73.1(a) of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-
17 cessor regulation), applicable to facilities designated by
18 the Secretary as Threat Level 1(b) facilities.

19 **SEC. 5. NO EFFECT ON REQUIREMENTS UNDER OTHER**
20 **LAW.**

21 Nothing in this Act affects any duty or other require-
22 ment imposed under any other Federal or State law.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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